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1. AS A RESULT OF INTERAGENCY DISCUSSION AND REVIEW,
FOLLOWING SHORT-TERM POLICY OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED
AND APPROVED FOR US-UK RELATIONS. THIS TEXT DRAWS ON HELP-
FUL AND PERceptive ANNUAL POLICY ASSESSMENT PROVIDED BY
LONDON'S 5237, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS CURRENT POLICY
GUIDANCE SUPPLANTING EXISTING 1973 UK EUROPARA AS FORESEEN
BY STATE32826.

2. WE PLAN TO SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSS WITH EMBASSY HOW THIS
STATEMENT OF POLICY OBJECTIVES SHOULD FIT IN WITH FUTURE
ANNUAL ASSESSMENT SUBMISSIONS, AS WELL AS QUESTION OF MOST
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APPROPRIATE TIMING OF ANNUAL POLICY REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR

FUTURE YEARS.

BEGIN TEXT:

POLICY OBJECTIVES FOR THE UK - 1975

US INTERESTS

(1) THE CONTINUATION OF BRITISH SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMON

ASPIRATIONS AND OBJECTIVES. WE SHARE WITH THE BRITISH A
SIMILAR OUTLOOK AND COMMON ASSUMPTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS. DESPITE THE "LONG RETREAT OF BRITISH POWER,"
BEGUN AGAIN RECENTLY AS A RESULT OF CONSCIOUS LABOR GOV-
ERNMENT POLICY AND ADVENTITIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, THE UK
REMAINS A WORLD POWER. IT RETAINS WORLD INTERESTS, A
WORLD OUTLOOK, AND A CAPACITY AND UNDERSTANDING FOR DEAL-
ING WITH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

(2) THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE BILATERAL
RELATIONSHIP. OUR INTEREST IN CONTINUING A CLOSE RELA-
TIONSHIP IS NOT AN END IN ITSELF, BUT A MEANS OF NURTURING
THE COMMON OUTLOOK WE SHARE AND ENCOURAGING HMG SUPPORT
FOR OUR INTERESTS AND POLICIES AROUND THE WORLD.

(3). THE RESTORATION OF A HEALTHY AND GROWING BRITISH
ECONOMY. IF THE LABOR GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM
DOES NOT PRODUCE RESULTS EARLY NEXT YEAR, THE WORST BOUT
OF STAGFLATION BRITAIN HAS SUFFERED SINCE THE WAR
THREATENS SERIOUS ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL DAMAGE,
NOT ONLY TO BRITAIN, BUT THE REST OF EUROPE AS WELL.
SHOULD THE SITUATION DETERIORATE FURTHER, WITH INEVITABLE
FALLOUT ON HMG'S INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC, MILITARY, AND
DIPLOMATIC POSITION, IT WILL CALL INTO QUESTION BRITISH
ABILITY TO MUSTER SUPPORT FOR OUR OBJECTIVES AND HENCE THE
UK'S VALUE AS A WORLDWIDE PARTNER AND A STRONG, FULLY PRO-
DUCTIVE MEMBER OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

POLICY OBJECTIVES

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(1) MAINTENANCE OF A CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

-- CONTINUE HIGH-LEVEL BILATERAL MEETINGS.

-- SEEK AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY FOR A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO
THE UK.

-- MAINTAIN THE YEARLY SERIES OF GEOGRAPHIC REGIONAL POLIT-

ICAL CONSULTATIONS AND OTHER REGULAR WORKING-LEVEL CONTACTS.

-- ENSURE THAT HMG IS CUT IN EARLY ON USG POLICIES BEING DEVELOPED THAT ARE OF INTEREST TO THEM.

(2) PRESERVATION OF US-UK SECURITY RELATIONSHIP AND BRITISH DEFENSE EFFORTS.

-- CONTINUE SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS

INFORMATION SHARING PROGRAMS.

-- MAINTAIN EXISTING ACCESS TO BASE FACILITIES BOTH IN HOME ISLANDS AND IN BRITISH POSSESSIONS ABROAD.

-- AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF THE '74 DEFENSE REVIEW AND POSSIBLE FURTHER DEFENSE CUTBACKS RELATED TO THE ECONOMIC SITUATION, AS APPROPRIATE MAKE FURTHER HIGH-LEVEL REMINDERS OF OUR INTEREST IN HMG MAINTAINING DEFENSE SPENDING LEVELS.

-- ENCOURAGE HMG IN ITS LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE EUROGROUP AIMED AT NATO RATIONALIZATION AND STANDARDIZATION.

(3) MAINTENANCE OF THE HELPFUL UK POSTURE IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

-- ENCOURAGE THE UK TO PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE IN TERMS OF US INTERESTS IN COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC ISSUES AND WITHIN THE EC-9 FRAMEWORK ON POLITICAL COOPERATION QUESTIONS.

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-- USE OUR INSIDE TRACK WITH THE BRITISH TO OBTAIN ADVANCE WARNING OF EC COMMISSION ACTIONS AND EC-9 POSITIONS WHICH COULD IMPINGE ON OUR INTERESTS; AND

-- LOOK TO HMG FOR SUPPORT ON ISSUES OF INTEREST TO US IN EC COUNCILS WHENEVER APPROPRIATE.

(4) PROMOTION OF CONTINUED BRITISH INVOLVEMENT IN WORLD AFFAIRS OUTSIDE EUROPE AND SUPPORT FOR US POLICIES.

-- MONITOR CLOSELY AND PROVIDE FREQUENT APPRAISALS OF UK ECONOMIC SITUATION AS IT AFFECTS HMG'S ABILITY TO CONTINUE ITS ROLE AS AN ACTIVE AND INFLUENTIAL ALLY OF THE US.

-- THROUGH (1) ABOVE, SEEK CONTINUED BRITISH UNDERSTANDING

AND SUPPORT FOR USG OBJECTIVES AND GOALS OUTSIDE EUROPE,
AND ENCOURAGE CONTINUED BRITISH INVOLVEMENT IN WORLD
AFFAIRS TO THE DEGREE THAT HMG PARTICIPATION CAN ASSIST
THE ATTAINMENT OF US OBJECTIVES.

(5) FURTHERANCE OF US ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

-- SEEK EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT
OF US FIRMS INVOLVED IN NORTH SEA OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY.

-- MONITOR CLOSELY ANY SIGNS THAT HMG IS CONTEMPLATING

PROTECTIONIST TRADE-RELATED MEASURES.

-- WATCH FOR UK CIVIL AVIATION POLICY ACTIONS WHICH MAY
HAVE POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS.

-- CONTINUE HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGES TO ENCOURAGE SUPPORT FOR
OUR MULTILATERAL GOALS OF IMPROVING THE FUNCTIONING OF THE
INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM, INCREASING THE EFFECTIVE-
NESS OF IEA PROGRAMS, AND DEVELOPING A COORDINATED POSI-
TION WITH RESPECT TO PRODUCER/CONSUMER RELATIONS AND THE
NIEO, AMONG OTHERS.

(6) CONTINUATION OF UK SUPPORT FOR OUR NARCOTICS PROGRAM.

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-- WORK FOR RESTORATION OF HMG CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC.

-- ENCOURAGE BRITISH RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL AMENDING
THE SINGLE CONVENTION AND THE PSYCHOTROPIC CONVENTION.

-- INCREASE THE AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL
DRUG ABUSE ON THE PART OF UK POLICY-MAKERS.

(7) CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF INFORMATION, CULTURAL,
AND SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS AIMED AT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF
BRITISH LEADERS WITH A GENUINE UNDERSTANDING OF US SOCIETY
AND CULTURE AND INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEANINGFUL
CONTACTS BETWEEN ELEMENTS OF BOTH SOCIETIES.

-- INCREASE BRITONS' CONFIDENCE IN OUR ABILITY TO DEAL
POSITIVELY WITH CRISIS AND CHANGE, AND EXPAND EACH SIDE'S
AWARENESS OF INNOVATIONS IN SOCIAL POLICY AND OTHER AREAS
RELEVANT TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE.

-- PROMOTE AN INFORMED APPRECIATION OF US ECONOMIC AND
ENERGY POLICY, EMPHASIZING MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS.

-- FOSTER SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR US FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES.

-- PROMOTE RESPECT FOR AND APPRECIATION OF AMERICAN INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS. USING THE BICENTENNIAL AS A VEHICLE, INCREASE AND INTENSIFY TIES CREATED BY OUR COMMON CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL HERITAGE.

-- STIMULATE THE INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN STUDIES AT ALL LEVELS OF THE BRITISH EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM TO BUILD RELEVANT KNOWLEDGE OF US EXPERIENCES INTO THE SOCIAL SCIENCES GENERALLY. KISSINGER

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